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MEMORANDUM FOR: ORPA/Africa
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FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Intelligence Assessment on Zaire

1. I found your intelligence assessment, "Zaire: Incoherence and Decay in an Autocracy," very useful and very readable. Good work.

2. I hope you will keep a close eye on the production of copper and cobalt from Shaba. It's interesting that the 1978 production was up over 1977 despite the period of inactivity and the loss of expatriates. I understand your predictions for 1979 and will be interested to see how they materialize at various points along the calendar.

3. Beyond that, if the unseating of Mobuto begins to look more and more likely, I would suggest we might do a short piece on the alternative power structures that may take over.

4. Thanks.

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